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## **NEXT TO CRIME, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS THE HOTTEST TOPIC IN THE 1994 ELECTION CYCLE.**

Editor's note: The topic of *illegal immigration* is once again surfacing as a major political topic of discussion in the 1994 Calif. election cycle. Here's CALPEEK's brief update & analysis...

...The hottest news about illegal immigration is that proponents of the "SOS Initiative" (Save Our State) are scheduled to turn in more than 500,000 names to county registrars on May 9th in an effort to qualify a statute for the November 1994 ballot. The measure requires 385,000 valid signatures. Briefly stated, the proposal makes illegal aliens ineligible for public social services, public health care (except for emergency care as required by U.S. law) and attendance at public schools. The big question is whether county registrars can clear the measure by the June 30th deadline. If all the signatures have to be checked, instead of a *random sample*, odds are against it making the November 1994 ballot. If this measure should qualify, bet your first born that it's approved by voters...

...All of this comes at a time when CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R) is attempting to make points with voters by launching a lawsuit to force the feds to pay for the costs of imprisoning illegal immigrants in CA prisons. Wilson filed his lawsuit about 10 days ago and since that time numerous legal scholars have said the governor is wasting his time because you can't sue the feds unless they say it's OK. Ron Unz, Wilson's June primary opponent, says the governor's lawsuit is a "PR scam" and a waste of taxpayers' money...

...Most Californians probably agree with Wilson's overall demand that the feds reimburse Calif. for the cost of illegals on our health, penal and educational systems. However, it's Wilson's *whiny attitude* on this subject which drive voters up the wall and they are smart enough to realize that much of what Wilson is doing is

pure politics. For example, why bash Pres. Bill Clinton when he's the first president who is trying reimburse the States for some of the costs? The hypocrisy, which Ron Unz alludes to, is that Wilson never said boo about this illegal problem while Reagan or Bush were in charge...

...FYI: On May 25-27, AZ Gov. Fife Symington will host the XII Annual Border Governor's Conference at the Arizona Biltmore Resort Hotel in Phoenix. Gov. Wilson, New Mexico's Gov. Bruce King and Texas Gov. Ann Richards will all attend, as will the Mexican governors of Baja Calif., Chihuahua, Sonora, Tamaulipas, Coahuila and Nuevo Leon. Although NAFTA, tourism, education and environmental concerns are on the agenda, this stuff about illegals immigrants will surface. Stay tuned...

## **U.S. HOUSE RACES: MORE PRIMARY BATTLES.**

Editor's note: Here is another update on some of the hotter primary battles for the U.S. House...

● **1st C.D.** - Politics in this northern-most C.D are really beginning to heat up. On the GOP side, it's almost a given that former Congressman Frank Riggs of Windsor will win the June primary over Glen A. Deronde of Fairfield and Morton S. Levine of Clearlake. So what are GOPers doing up in the 1st C.D.? Some are re-registering as Demos so that they can vote for former Congressman Doug Bosco of Sebastopol, a moderate Demo who wants another shot to represent this district. As CALPEEK readers may recall, in 1990 Riggs upset Bosco when P&F candidate Darlene Com-ingore pulled 15% of the vote --- votes that might have gone to Bosco. In 1992, Riggs was knocked off by Dan Hamburg. Bosco faces an *uphill fight*, but he's going after Hamburg on jobs and crime --- two good issues. On jobs, Bosco is critical of Hamburg's co-

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authorship of the Headwaters Forest Act, a bill to buy 45,000 acres of forest for \$1.5 billion. Bosco says this will throw people out of work, while Hamburg says this is necessary to protect the forest. It's a classic *tree hugger vs. tree cutter* battle. But Bosco is a guy who's got some baggage: 124 bounced checks in the House banking brouhaha of a few years back and he's on the payroll of Pacific Lumber as a lobbyist to fight the Headwaters bill. Both are on TV and in the mail...

vulnerable "because of his tainted business background and numerous legal problems." Florance does not deny that during his years as the owner of a realty firm that he was sued, but he's actually never lost a court case in such instances. And Florance says that if Brooks continues to infer that he's unethical, Brooks will end up in court facing a lawsuit for libel. Like we said, very nasty, but most sources give an edge to Florance, who has deep pockets. And Brooks seems a little too anxious to climb the political ladder. She's in the middle of her first term on the council...

- **43rd C.D.** - Hardline conservatives and Demos smell *blood in the water*. After months of denying that he had sex in his car last November with a hooker, freshman U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert(R-Riverside) has finally admitted it, saying his conduct was "inappropriate." The original story broke in late January, but wouldn't go away, as the Riverside Press Enterprise even went to court to force the Corona P.D. to release the police report. Anyway, Calvert's got himself a tough primary with hardliner UC professor Joe Khoury and several sources think Calvert is history. It's the *character issue*. Conservatives believe Calvert is so vulnerable that the only way to hold the seat for the GOP is to jettison the incumbent. As for the Demos, while community college trustee Mark Takano is viewed as the solid favorite in the primary, 47-year-old Raven Lopez-Workman is no lightweight. She's chairperson of the Riverside Co. Demo Central Cmt. Takano, however, has the endorsement of the CDP...

- **24th C.D.** - Republicans have been after Demo U.S. Rep. Tony Beilenson for years --- without much success. Included in this year's group of GOP hopefuls are 5 men who are all listed as "businessmen." If you're looking for a frontrunner, it's probably Rich Sybert, who until he began running for congress, was Gov. Wilson's director of planning & research. He's not originally from the 24th C.D., but moved here from Pasadena to run. He's got deep pockets (he's loaned himself \$400,000) and has a huge list of S.F. Valley & Ventura Co. endorsements. Sybert is a moderate. On the far right is Mark Benhard, who used to work for former Congressman Bill Dannemeyer. He's lived in the 24th C.D. almost all his life and thinks GOP voters will be more inclined to support a conservative who is *not* linked to Gov. Wilson. Also running is Emery Shane and Robert Hammer. Hammer may take votes away from Sybert. And finally there is Sang Korman, who is making his 4th run for the U.S. House. He finished 2nd in the GOP primary in 1992 and has residual name ID. Few sources are sure what impact he'll have. He pumped a small fortune into his previous campaigns, but whether he'll do that again remains to be seen. Stay tuned...

- **16th C.D.** - Former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery seems to be racking up the good endorsements in his quest to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Don Edwards. McEnery picked up the key endorsement of Santa Clara Co. Sup. Ron Gonzales and the Sierra Club. McEnery is battling Santa Clara Co. Sup. Zoe Lofgren for the Demo nomination. McEnery recently won the endorsement of the CA Demo Party. He looks solid...

- **36th C.D.** - Sources in L.A. Co.'s So. Bay area believe it's going to be difficult to oust freshman U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D). Both Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor Susan Brooks and former Palos Verdes Estates Councilman Ron Florance are viewed as moderate Republicans and sources report there are very few differences between these two on the major issues. But on a personal level, it has turned *nasty*. Florance is an investor and was the owner of a realty firm. In some of her campaign materials, Brooks says that Florance is

#### **43rd A.D. SPECIAL: ROGAN WINS WITHOUT RUNOFF.**

L.A. Muni Court Judge James Rogan of Glendale is the GOP's newest assemblymember, as he easily won the May 3rd special election to fill the unexpired term of Pat Nolan, who resigned after pleading guilty to political corruption charges. Rogan got 53.8% of the vote and his nearest rival, former Asst. U.S. Atty. Adam Schiff, the top Demo, got 25.6%. Community college trustee Julia Wu got 10.2%. Total voter turnout was a very low 13.76%. Because Rogan got more than 50%, a June 28th runoff won't be necessary. It was a nice

win for consultant Jim Nygren...

...What really surprised a number of sources was the poor showing of Wu, who many thought would run a better race. Turns out that her attacks on Rogan backfired when the news media ran those so-called *truth boxes* --- to separate political fact from fiction. Sources believe that Wu also made the mistake of trying to *run to the right* of Rogan, who had already laid claim to the pro-life, pro-school voucher and pro-gun position. In addition, sources also feel that Rogan ran very effective absentee voter and GOTV programs...

...What happens next? As was noted in last week's story, L.A.P.D. Officer Peter Repovich, the other major Republican running in the 43rd, decided to pass up the special. But he's still running in the regular June 7th GOP primary. He's now on TV, has sent out at least 1 mailing, has a phone bank going and says he's in the campaign for the long haul. Despite the fact that Rogan is now the "incumbent," the printing process has already started so he'll still be listed on the ballot as a muni court judge. As for Wu, her candidacy is up in the air, because money may be a problem for her. An announcement from Wu about her status was scheduled to come after CALPEEK went to press. Stay tuned...

#### **MUNICIPAL RACES: CALPEEK'S UPDATE.**

Editor's note: After running a number of preview stories about various COUNTY/CITY races in earlier issues of CALPEEK, it's now time to revisit some of the hotter races. Here is CALPEEK's update...

● **Santa Barbara Co.** - The battle to replace veteran Sup. Tom Rogers may determine whether pro-development or anti-development forces control the Board of Supervisors. For the past 15 months, the Board has been controlled by a pro-development majority. However, a recent State Appeals Court ruling may swing the board back in the other direction, because it now appears that ousted 4-term *pro-environment* Sup. Bill Wallace has defeated Willy Chamberlin by 12 votes in the 1992 campaign. At least that's what the court said. Chamberlin can still appeal this decision. So now we move to the June election where current Santa Barbara Councilwoman Harriet Miller is facing former S.B. Councilwoman Jeanne Graffy. Graffy is definitely pro-development and has ties to Chamberlin, while Miller

would be the swing vote, giving the board a 3-2 pro-environment edge. Both are walking, but even Miller's campaign acknowledges that Graffy will spend more money. This will be a close race...

● **S.F. Measures "H" & "I"** - The two hottest local ballot measures in Calif. this June are H & I, different approaches to expanding the BART system to the S.F. Airport. The SFO authority, under long time leader Lou Turpin, and the folks at BART support H, which will see the BART system go to within a mile of the airport. Then a "people mover" will take passengers to the various airline terminals. Labor and the airlines are backing Measure H. Enter State Sen. Quentin Kopp (I-S.F.). Kopp has always wanted BART to go directly into the airport. So now we've got Measure I. Cost of H is about \$300 million, compared to I's cost of \$1 billion. Still, the idea of BART going directly into SFO has a winning sound. Will the YES on H forces come up with the slogan, "Smart BART to SFO --- the cheapest way."? Measure H has the most money, but never underestimate Kopp. FYI: S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan originally was for H, but when Quentin jumped in with I, the mayor flip flopped...

● **Butte County** - 2nd District incumbent Sup. Jane Dolan (wife for former CDP political director Bob Mulholland) got a break when her June opponent, Chico businessman Bill Meehan, pulled his nomination papers at the last minute. NO opponent for Jane. A sad note however, in Butte. Sup. Bob Meyers of Oroville died of cancer about 3-4 weeks ago. Gov. Wilson is expected to call a special election this summer...

● **Orange County** - In the battle to replace retiring Sup. Harriett Wieder, most sources now agree that Huntington Beach Councilwoman Linda Moulton Patterson is the odds on favorite to make the runoff. The big question is whom she'll face in November: Huntington Beach Councilman Jim Silva or businesswoman Haydee Tillotson. Sources don't give former Huntington Beach Councilman John Thomas or former Garden Grove Councilman Raymond Littrell much of shot, although Thomas has signs up all over the place. A very out-of-date poll for Patterson (taken in February) shows her with 20%, Silva with 14% and Tillotson with 4%. But since that poll was taken, Tillotson has begun spending lot of money on an AV mailer, signs

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and other direct mail. Her numbers have most likely gone up, as have Silva's and Patterson's. Wieder has endorsed Tillotson, but the big shock was Patterson's endorsement by the Assn. of Orange Co. Deputy Sheriffs. Silva's big issue is illegal immigration...

- **San Bernardino County** - No one filed against incumbent Sup. Jon Mikels, so he'll be back for another term. But here's a shock. Montclair Mayor Larry Rhinehart pulled the plug on his campaign to oust incumbent Sup. Larry Walker. Sources say Rhinehart was having a tough time raising money. Ontario Councilman Rudy Favila will now face Walker, who is the odds on favorite to win reelection now that Rhinehart has dropped out. More local coverage next week...

#### **DON PERATA TO ADDRESS L.A. PA OFFICERS.**

Demo Controller candidate Don Perata of Alameda Co. will address members of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn., 11:30 a.m., May 13, The Jonathan Club, downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs, contact Karen Legier at ARCO (213)486-1931...

#### **CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Costa's Prints Not On Pot Box** - In the continuing saga of Assemblyman Jim Costa's January burglary ordeal at his condo in Fresno, cops in that city have now said that the lawmaker's fingerprints were NOT found on a box containing a small amount of pot. Costa has insisted all along that the pot was not his and was left by those who burglarized his condo. This is a big break for Costa in his November battle to unseat State Sen. Phil Wyman, who has been hounding Costa ever since the pot was discovered...

- **79th A.D. Special Update** - The recount in this tight assembly race is over and the results stand --- Denise Ducheny is still the new assemblywoman for this district and Chula Vista Mayor Tim Nader finished second. After county registration officials finished going over some 600 ballots that were not cleanly punched, and the results did not change, Nader called off the rest of the recount. But Ducheny is still not out of the woods because those rumors that the NRA helped her win cross-over GOP votes in the special aren't going away. It's a big problem for Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and his San Diego Demo allies...

- **CALPEEK's Reading File** - In case you haven't read it, must reading is the May 5th L.A. Times article about U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington(R), who is running for the U.S. Senate. No way to spin this article by Glenn Bunting as being anything but a *very negative* story about the freshman lawmaker...

#### **NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Sidonie Squier has joined the Wilson reelection cmt. in Sacto as director of research...

- Demo consultants Skelton Grover & Assoc. have been hired by 43rd A.D. candidate Adam Schiff...

- GOP consultant Jim Nygren has been hired by 43rd A.D. candidate James Rogan...

- GOP consultant Steve Presson has been hired by 43rd A.D. candidate Julia Wu...

- Skelton Grover & Assoc. have been hired to run the 41st A.D. campaign of Sheila James Kuehl...

- Bragg, Maddox & Taylor have been hired to do the 41st A.D. campaign of Roger Jon Diamond...

- Consultant Jerry Seedborg has been hired to do the 41st A.D. campaign of Edward Tabash...

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